

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE



OFFICIAL WARNING  
VIOLATION OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS

CASE NUMBER:  
**MD150021**

VIOLATOR:  
Tri State Zoological Park of Western  
Maryland

Customer# 15730  
License# 51-C-0064

ADDRESS (Street, City, State, ZIP Code):  
12605 Moores Hollow Road  
Cumberland, MD 21502

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has evidence that between November 6, 2014 through March 4, 2015, you or your organization committed violations of the following sections of the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 9:

**3.125 (a) FACILITIES, GENERAL (repeats)**

On November 6, 2014 and March 4, 2015 you failed to provide adequate fencing for the tiger enclosure and the petting zoo animals. In the tiger enclosure, the wood portion at the top of the platform enclosure / barrier fence is crumbling. The board fencing the petting zoo animals (4 goats, 8 pigs, 1 sheep, 1 alpaca) is excessively worn and portions of the fence are leaning and in general remain in disrepair. The wood for the tiger enclosure and the board fencing for the petting zoo animals must ensure the integrity of the fence for the species and must be structurally sound and in good repair in order to adequately contain the animals.

**3.127 (c) and (d) FACILITIES, OUTDOOR (repeats)**

On November 6, 2014, you failed to prevent the entry of unwanted humans into the perimeter fence area. Measures must be taken to ensure the perimeter fence is secure when an attendant is not readily available. On March 4, 2015 you failed to provide clean and dry shelter for your animals. The animals' enclosures had an excessive amount of mud and/or standing cold water and the animals were unable to move to dry ground. Animals must not be kept in confined areas with standing water and mud. Shelters must be kept clean and dry for the health of the animals.

**3.131 SANITATION (repeats)**

On November 6, 2014 and March 4, 2015 and you failed to provide a clean facility. The coati enclosure contained an excessive amount of dried feces, food waste build up and dirt. Rodent feces were present in the food storage area and a carpet needed to be replaced in the kitchen. The facility must be clean for the health and safety of the animals.

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) created federal regulations to ensure the welfare of animals and help prevent the spread of animal and plant pests and diseases. Since violations of the regulations can have serious and costly impacts that are detrimental to the public interest, APHIS is providing you with an Official Warning for the violation(s) described above. Any further violation of these federal regulations may result in the assessment of a civil penalty, criminal prosecution, or other sanctions. If you have any questions concerning this Official Warning or violation(s), please contact the APHIS official listed in this notice.

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